

REMARKS

By the amendments herein, claims 1, 3 and 6 have been amended and claim 4 has been canceled. No new matter has been added as a result of the amendments, full support for the amendments being found throughout the originally-filed specification, claims and drawings.

Claims Objections/Minor Informalities

Claims 1 and 6 are objected to because of perceived informalities.

Claim 1 has been amended to address the perceived informality therein, but in a way other than that which was suggested by the Examiner. Because the compact fluorescent lamps are not part of the lamp holder claimed in claim 1, applicant believes that use of the word "the" before the phrase "compact fluorescent lamps" is ambiguous, if not inaccurate. Applicant believes that the way in which claim 1 has been amended herein adequately addresses the perceived informality in claim 1. Accordingly, applicant requests that the objection to claim 1 be withdrawn.

Claim 6 has been amended to address the perceived informality in that claim, also in a way other than that which was suggested by the Examiner. Applicant believes that the amendment to claim 6 successfully addresses the perceived informality in claim 6. Accordingly, applicant requests that the objection to claim 6 be withdrawn.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-5 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Crane et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,164,797). In light of the amendment to the claims herein, applicant requests that these rejections be withdrawn.

Claim 4 has been canceled and claim 1 has been amended so that claims 1-3, 5 and 6 are all limited to a compact fluorescent lamp holder having "a plurality of sockets, each of which is adapted to receive a compact fluorescent lamp having only one electrical connection end." Crane et al. does not teach the use of any such sockets. Accordingly, the rejection of claims 1-3, 5 and 6 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 should be withdrawn. Moreover, no rejection of claims 1-3, 5 and 6 should be made under 35 U.S.C. § 103 since none of the cited references, teach or fairly suggest the use of such sockets.

The rejection of claim 3 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 should be withdrawn for an additional reason. By the amendments herein, claim 3 is now limited to the lamp holder of claim 1 wherein the sockets "are connected to [the] ballast mechanism by the plurality of wires only." Neither Crane et al. nor any of the other cited references disclose or fairly suggest, either individually or collectively, such a lamp holder. Accordingly, for this additional reason, the rejection of claim 3 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 should be withdrawn, and no additional rejection of claim 3 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 should be made.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claim 6 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Crane et al. in view of Chang (U.S. Pat. No. 6,194,840). In view of the amendments herein, applicant requests that this rejection be withdrawn. As stated above,

claim 6 is now limited to a compact fluorescent lamp holder having "a plurality of sockets, each of which is adapted to receive a compact fluorescent lamp having only one electrical connection end." None of the references cited herein teach or fairly suggest such a lamp holder. Accordingly, such a lamp holder can not be deemed obvious of those of ordinary skill in the art. Withdrawal of the rejection of claim 6 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) is therefore respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

For the reasons set forth above, applicant respectfully submits that all of the claims remaining in the application are now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration, reexamination and allowance of all claims is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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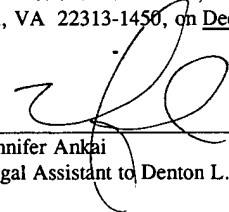
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